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1. As a result of Communist Army victories in China, Ecuadoran Communist leaders claim that they have had greater success in their penetration of the Ecuadoran Army in the past six months than they have had in the past two years. They believe the advances in China have made a deep impression in the lower echelons of the Latin American armies and claim to be in a position where they can now control the lower ranks of the Ecuadoran Army. However, they are reluctant to have a test of strength at this time, even though they feel they would be successful, as such uncorrelated action would be doomed to final failure. Their policy is to await coordinated revolutionary activity in Latin America which would be part of a world revolution.
2. The Chinese successes have also had the effect of increasing the political activity of the Ecuadoran Communist leaders.* The Coastal Regional Branch of the Communist Party of Ecuador convened several closed meetings of Party members during the month of December. Party leaders spoke at length on the subject of the present political and economic crisis and the necessity for a more intense class struggle in the immediate future. Labor was encouraged to remember the prospective "liberation" of China and told that all Asia would soon be free as revolutions would break out shortly in Burma, Indonesia, Malay, and India.
3. The Coastal Regional Branch commissioned certain officers to visit the cells in the nearby provinces of Guayas, Los Rios, El Oro, and Manabi to discuss the possibility of increasing cell activity. A campaign to establish new cells and factions on the large farms was started among the agricultural workers in the coastal areas. Tentative plans were made to form new agricultural cooperatives in the Milagro area and to gain control of existing cooperatives not already under their influence.

25X1A6a [REDACTED] Comment. Pedro Saad, Acting Secretary General of the Communist Party of Ecuador, is said to have received a circular from France on the subject of "Communist Victories in China" which may have given impetus to this activity.

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